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1. CELEBRATIONS OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET
ARMY HAVE ATTRACTED HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATIONS
FROM ALL SOCIALIST STATES EXCEPT LAOS. ACCORDING TO
FEBRUARY 22 PRAVDA, ALL ARE REPRESENTED BY MINISTERS
OF DEFENSE EXCEPT FOR VIETNAM, WHICH SENT DEPUTY CHIEF

OF THE GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL-GENERAL CHAN VAN CHA (PHONETIC - WE ASSUME TRAN VAN TRA) AND CUBA, WHICH SENT DIVISION GENERAL S. CASAS REGEIRO (PHONETIC).

2. COMMENT. WE ARE MOST STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT NORTH KOREA SENT ITS MINISTER OF DEFENSE O DIN U (PHONETIC), AS WELL AS BY THE ABSENCE OF A LAOTIAN, WHO MAY YET ARRIVE. THE PRESENCE OF SUCH A HIGH-RANKING NORTH KOREAN (WHOM WE ASSUME IS O CHIN-U) MAY BE ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONS, IN THE WORDS OF A SOVIET (REFTEL), ARE AT THE LEAST IN A "STABILIZATION" PROCESS. THE ABSENCES OF GIAP AND RAUL CASTRO ARE ALSO NOTEWORTHY ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE WHY. BOTH HAVE VISITED THE SOVIET UNION RECENTLY, GIAP DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER, 1977 AND CASTRO IN EARLY FEBRUARY. MATLOCK

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